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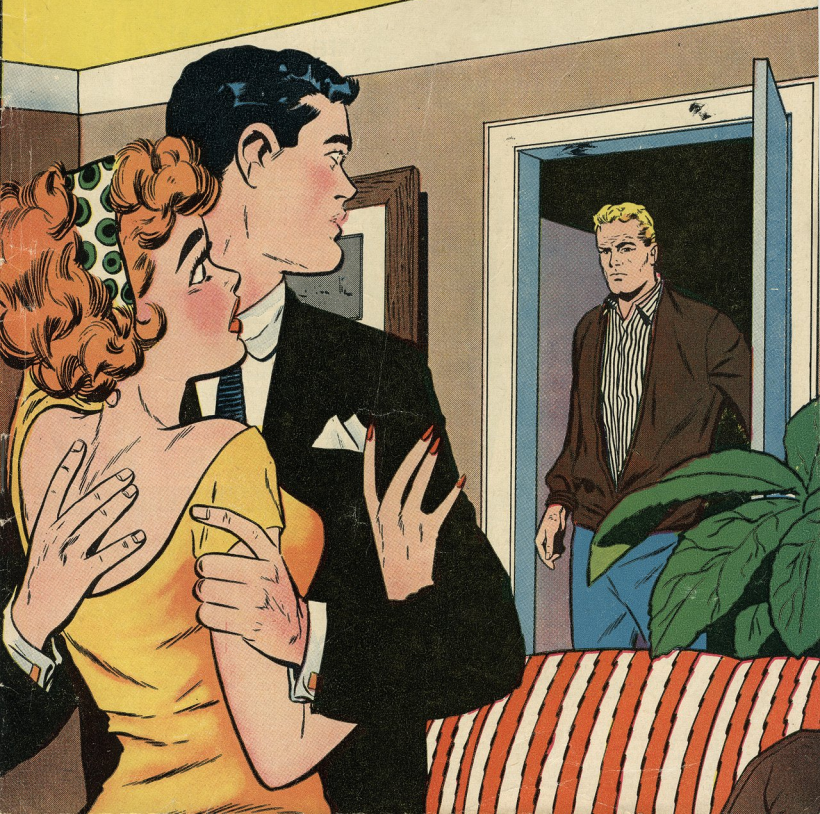
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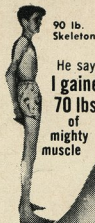
JIM NORMAN

AFTER

He Mailed Coupon
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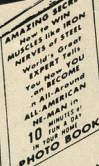
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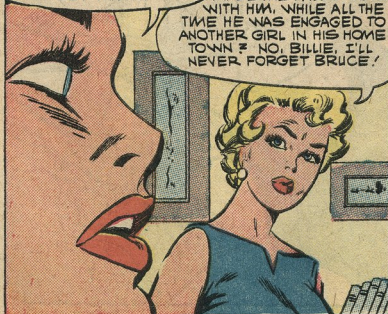
I WAS VENGEFULLY DETERMINED TO DO UNTO SOMEONE ELSE EXACTLY WHAT HAD BEEN DONE UNTO ME! I WANTED TO BREAK GIL'S HEART AS MINE HAD BEEN BROKEN! THIS WAS TO BE MY...

SUMMER FLING!

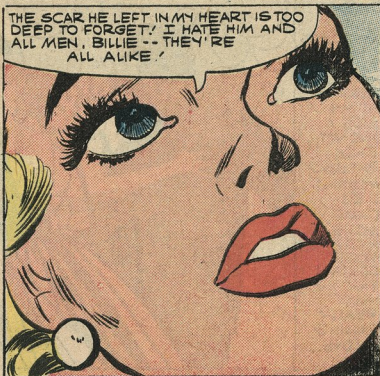


A MONTH BEFORE: BACK IN THE CITY...

PLEASE, FREDA, TRY TO FORGET THE MAN WHO MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM, WHILE ALL THE TIME HE WAS ENGAGED TO ANOTHER GIRL IN HIS HOME TOWN. NO, BILLIE, I'LL NEVER FORGET BRUCE!



THE SCAR HE LEFT IN MY HEART IS TOO DEEP TO FORGET! I HATE HIM AND ALL MEN, BILLIE -- THEY'RE ALL Alike.

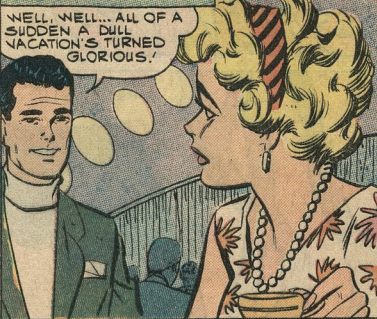


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FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO PLAY *THEIR* GAME! THE NEXT MAN I MEET, I'LL MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH ME... AND THEN I'LL LAUGH IN HIS FACE!



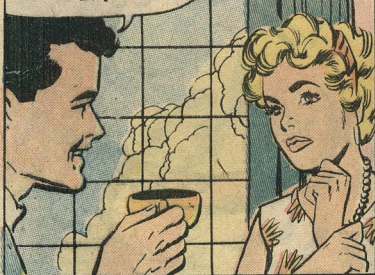
BILLIE TRIED TO DISSUADE ME... BUT WHEN I SAT DOWN FOR MY FIRST DINNER, AT SUNSET LODGE, I WAS STILL DETERMINED TO BREAK SOME MAN'S HEART...



WELL, WELL... ALL OF A SUDDEN A DULL VACATION'S TURNED GLORIOUS!

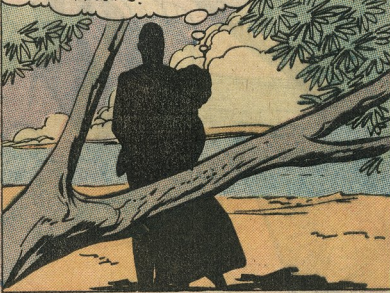
IF NOT FOR ALL THE BITTERNESS BOILING INSIDE ME, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED BY GIL MYERS' WARM SMILE!

EVEN THE FOOD HERE TASTES GOOD ALL OF A SUDDEN!



AFTER DINNER, I LET HIM TAKE ME FOR A WALK...

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE ISN'T JUST THROWING ME A LINE... THAT HE'S REALLY FALLING!



THE NEXT FEW DAYS SPED BY RAPIDLY, WITH GIL ALWAYS AT MY SIDE! AND WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, I BECAME MORE AND MORE CERTAIN THAT HE WAS REALLY FALLING IN LOVE...



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BILLIE WAS COMING UP TO THE SAME RESORT AT THE END OF THE WEEK. BUT I COULDN'T WAIT THAT LONG TO TELL HER...

NAME IS GIL MYERS, AND THE MOMENT HE SAYS THE "THREE LITTLE WORDS", I'LL LAUGH RIGHT IN HIS FACE!



GIL WAS WITH ME, AS ALWAYS, WHEN I MAILED THE LETTER...

IT'S NOT TO A MAN, I HOPE!

WHAT IF IT WERE?



FOR A SPLIT-SECOND, THE WAY HE WINCED, TUGGED STRANGELY AT MY HEART...

I... I JUST WISH IT WEREN'T, THAT'S ALL!



...BUT ONLY FOR A SPLIT-SECOND...

LET HIM WISH! I WISHED MANY TIMES WHILE BRUCE PLAYED WITH MY HEART.



GIL WAS SILENT AND MOODY THE REST OF THAT DAY, AND THE NEXT, TOO...

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW... BEFORE HE LAYS HIS HEART AT MY FEET...



THE NEXT NIGHT, AFTER THE DANCE...

FREDA I...

YES, GIL? SPEAK UP...

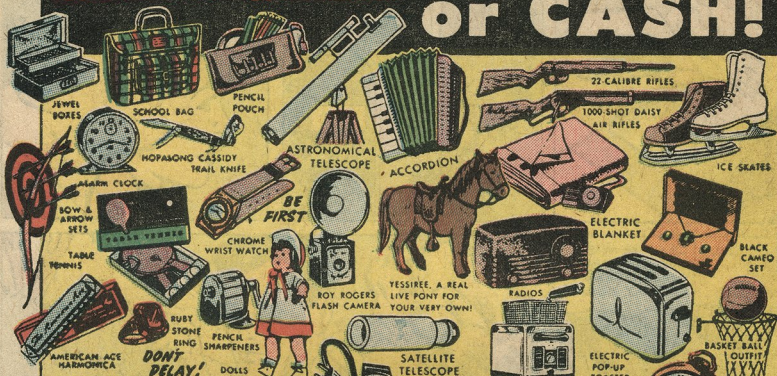


AS HIS LIPS PRESSED AGAINST MINE, I TRIED TO BREAK AWAY AND SPEAK ALL THE CRUEL FLIP-PANCIES I HAD PREPARED FOR JUST THIS MOMENT! I TRIED-- BUT I COULDN'T...



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I COULDN'T... BECAUSE MY OWN FOOLISH HEART HAD BETRAYED ME AGAIN...

I LOVE YOU, FREDA, SO VERY MUCH...

NO... OH NO!



FREDA! WHAT'S WRONG?

I LOVE HIM TOO... I WAS SURE I COULD NEVER LOVE AGAIN... BUT I LOVE HIM TOO!



I HAD ONLY MY TEAR-SOAKED PILLOW FOR COMPANY DURING THOSE FIRST FEW DESPERATE HOURS...

SOB!

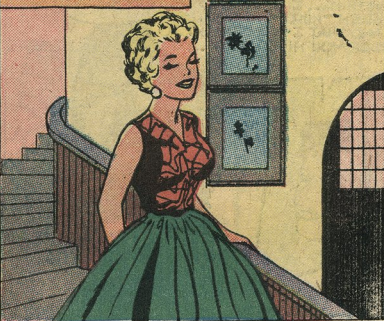


BUT SUDDENLY...

GIL NEED NEVER KNOW WHAT I MEANT TO DO! I CAN TELL HIM I FELT ILL... THAT, YES, I LOVE HIM TOO!

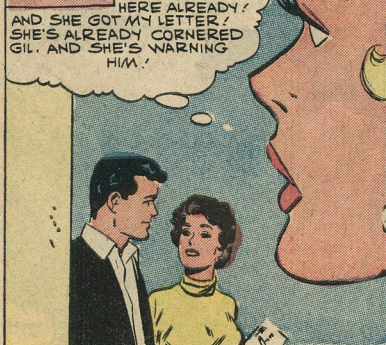


IT WAS MORNING NOW! AND MY HEART WAS SINGING WITH JOY AS I WALKED DOWN TOWARD THE LOBBY...



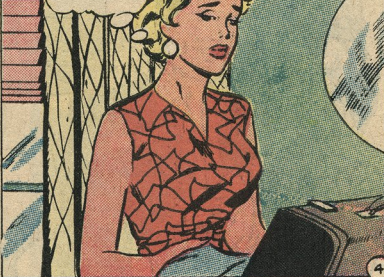
BUT THEN...

OH, NO! BILLIE'S HERE ALREADY! AND SHE GOT MY LETTER! SHE'S ALREADY CORNERED GIL, AND SHE'S WARNING HIM!



WHAT WAS LEFT FOR ME TO DO BUT CLIMB SADLY BACK TO MY ROOM, AND START PACKING?

I MEANT TO BREAK HIS HEART, BUT I'VE ONLY BROKEN *MINE* ALL OVER AGAIN!



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END

LOVE CAME TOO LATE!

I LOOKED AT THE PALE, SWEET FACE OF THIS GIRL, SO YOUNG, SO EAGER, SO MUCH AS I HAD BEEN YEARS AGO! I KNEW THAT TO HER I WAS THE PERSONIFICATION OF SUCCESS, THAT I HAD EVERYTHING A WOMAN COULD WANT... FAME, FORTUNE AND MEN THRUOUT THE WORLD KNEELING AT MY FEET! BUT SUCCESS IS A STRANGE THING FOUND BY WOMEN IN MANY WAYS BUT, MOSTLY IN... LOVE!

PLEASE, MISS BARTOK, I MUST SPEAK TO YOU! I KNOW YOU NEVER GIVE INTERVIEWS, BUT IF YOU'LL JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE...

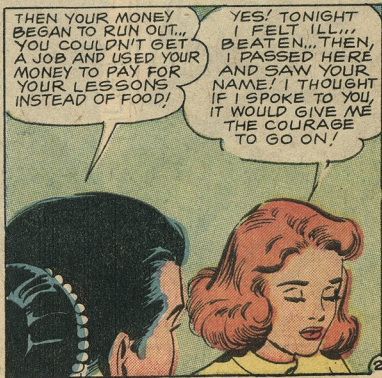
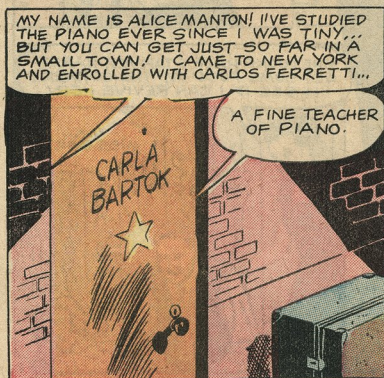
TO-NITE
CARLA BARTOK

HARRY, HELP ME... THE POOR CHILD HAS FAINTED! CARRY HER TO MY DRESSING ROOM!

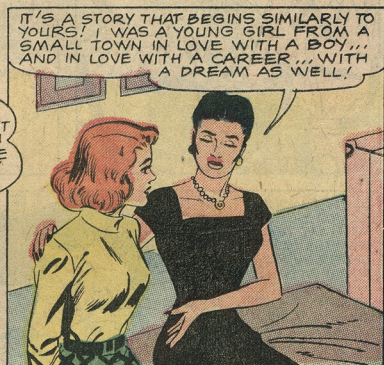
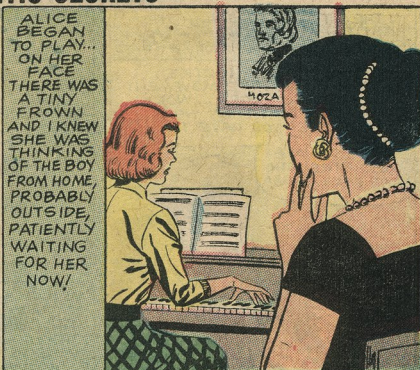
SHE LOOKS HALF STARVED, HARRY! GET SOME FOOD AT THE CORNER... I'LL SEE IF I CAN REVIVE HER!

O.K., MISS BARTOK!

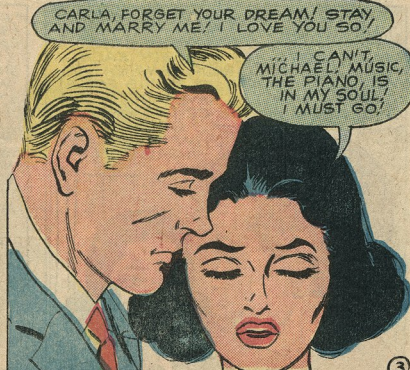
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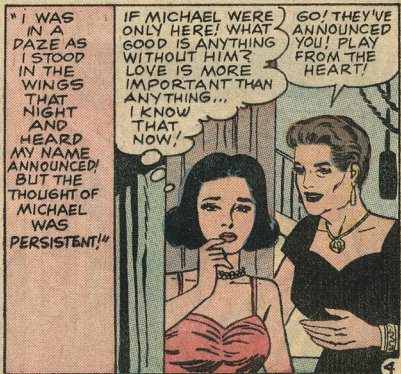
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"I'LL NEVER FORGET THE POIGNANCY OF OUR PARTING AT THE LITTLE STATION..."



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"IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF MY GREAT SUCCESS! ... FINALLY I BROKE AWAY AND WENT TO MY DRESSING ROOM. MICHAEL WAS THERE..."



"I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME!"

"WHY DIDN'T YOU COME AN HOUR SOONER? NOW I CAN'T GO! THE THING I DREAMED FOR SO LONG IS BECOMING REALITY..."



"YES, I FORGOT ABOUT THE THOUGHTS I'D HAD IN THE WINGS BEFORE I PLAYED... I SENT HIM AWAY! THEN CAME ACCLAIM, SUCCESS! CONCERTS IN LONDON, PARIS ALL OVER THE WORLD..."



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"ALL MY DREAMS CAME TRUE... EXCEPT FOR MY DREAMS OF HAPPINESS! SUDDENLY I BROKE OFF MY TOUR AND RETURNED TO NEW YORK..."

MADELAINE, CALL THE RENTING AGENT! I AM LEAVING, I AM GOING HOME... TO BE MARRIED! A CAREER, A DREAM, WHAT DO THEY AMOUNT TO WITHOUT LOVE AND HAPPINESS!

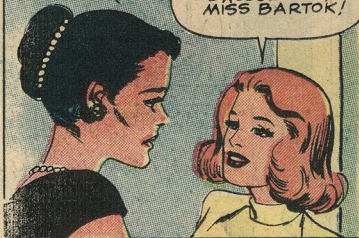
THIS LETTER CAME FOR YOU, MADAME...



and Michael became careless, his mind always filled with thoughts of you! That is how the accident happened! His last words were for me to tell you of his love...

THERE WAS A TERRIBLE EMPTINESS AND IN THAT EMPTINESS ONLY MUSIC WAS LEFT! BUT SUCCESS MEANS NOTHING, LIFE IS EMPTY WITHOUT MICHAEL, THAT IS THE STORY, MY CHILD...

DENNY... HE'S OUTSIDE, WAITING! EXCUSE ME, MISS BARTOK!



I SIGHED! I PUT ON MY COAT AND WALKED OUT OF THE HALL! MY CAR WAS WAITING AND DOWN THE STREET TWO LOVERS WALKED... ALICE AND DENNY!

YOU'RE LATE, DEAR!

BECAUSE OF THAT GIRL AND BOY, MICHAEL, DEAREST... SHE PLAYED FOR ME BUT THE POOR CHILD LACKS THE TALENT! SHE WOULD'VE BROKEN HERSELF TRYING TO ATTAIN HEIGHTS BEYOND HER ABILITY!



SO I TOLD HER OUR STORY... A STORY THAT ALMOST ONCE HAPPENED! BUT I'M AFRAID I LIED A BIT ABOUT YOUR ACCIDENT! I DIDN'T TELL HER THAT YOU RECOVERED! BUT I SENT HER BACK TO HAPPINESS AND LOVE!



WHEN I THINK OF HOW CLOSE WE CAME TO LOSING EACH OTHER...

BUT WE DIDN'T! OUR TRUE STORY HAS THIS WONDERFUL, HAPPY ENDING!



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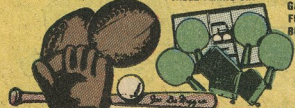
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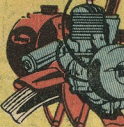
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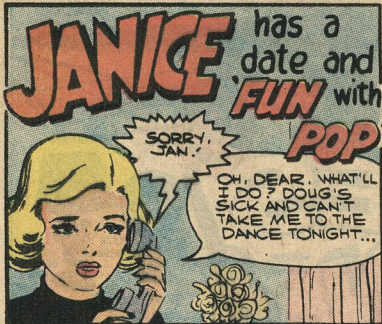
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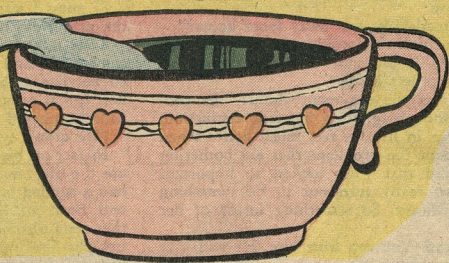


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Jim Lauer, Special Patrolman, was making his rounds of the east waiting room in Grand Terminal. It was his duty to spot any pick-pocket, or grifter. The last so-called person is the man who comes up to you and softly says in a pleading tone of voice, "Can you spare a dime for a cup of coffee, mister?"

In addition, Jim Lauer had to be alert for any other situation that might arise. He walked the length of the east waiting room and greeted Bob Frazier, in charge of the newsstand.

"What a rotten night this is! It's raining cats and dogs outside."

"But it isn't raining in here," grinned Bob Frazier. "Which reminds me. I'm getting those two tickets for the ball game. So we both go Wednesday afternoon."

"You bet," smiled the Special Patrolman. "I want to see Lou Sibley pitch a shut-out game."

Then he turned to the other end of the waiting room. It was almost deserted at this time of the night. His keen eyes spotted a well-dressed young girl. It was evident she had been crying. He sized up the situation at once. Then he quickened his pace and soon was at the desk of the Traveller's Guidance Bureau.

"A nice girl in the waiting room," he told Gene Pearson who was at the desk. "Not the kind of tears when you are ill or broke. Looks like something of the heart. We better help her."

So young Gene Pearson left the desk and followed Jim Lauer back to the waiting room. There she was dressed in rather expensive clothes. Her pale blue eyes had certainly been shedding a lot of tears. There was a slight dimple on her left cheek. She had small thin lips.

"I represent the Traveller's Guidance Bu-

reau," began the young man. "Is there anything we can do to help you? If you want to contact somebody, we do it for you. If you happen to be temporarily short of change, we will lend you sufficient money to take you to your destination. Or if you are ill, we will see you get good medical care. Can we please help you?"

The young girl looked at the young man. Whatever it was that she wanted to say, just didn't come out that way from her lips.

"Go away, please and leave me alone," was what she told him instead.

But it had no effect. For he knew how to handle the situation. From his pocket he took out a fresh clean handkerchief.

"At least accept the handkerchief as a gift," he suggested. "The one you are using is just wet with your tears. Dry your eyes and then we can go over to the Terminal Cafeteria and have a cup of coffee together."

She was sorry for what she had said. She knew it wasn't like her to react that way. She took the handkerchief and tried to force a little smile on her face.

"I shouldn't have acted that way," she apologized. "Can I use that old excuse about being upset? Will you forgive my rudeness?"

"Of course replied Gene Pearson. "Provided we have that cup of coffee together."

She walked with him to the Terminal Cafeteria and Jim Lauer went on his rounds. Nothing exciting or unusual was happening. In fact he wouldn't have to tell his wife anything at all because these were just routine matters. Not like the night they caught Slim Cooper when he tried to make his get-away.

Gene Pearson and the charming young girl

each sat down on a stool. The attendant came over to them.

"Whatcha want?" he asked.

"Two coffees," replied Gene Pearson and then turned to the young girl.

"Half milk, cream or straight?"

"With cream," she told him.

Their coffees were served and Gene waited until she had tasted some of it before he asked the question.

"What made you run away from home?"

"I don't think that would apply to me," she said softly, "I am just over twenty-one so legally I just left home."

"What was the argument about?" he continued as though ignoring her fine distinction.

Sometimes in life we feel much better when we talk about the problems that are bothering us. We find that what looked so important at first can really turn out to be something just insignificant. So something inside of her told her:

"Go ahead. You can trust him. He will give you a sympathetic ear."

"I don't think I would come under the heading of being unattractive," she began. "And like any other girl I want to meet a young man — on my own! I resent family attempts to bring people together. It started three days ago at breakfast. Mother mentioned something about her old college chum. She was inviting her for the weekend — with her young son. Wouldn't it be wonderful? If we were to fall in love and get married?"

Dad didn't say a word. He just listened and agreed with whatever mother suggested. I sort of felt he wanted to tell her it was a lot of nonsense. I do have plenty of dates but at present I am not going seriously with any one man. Maybe I shouldn't have said it, but it sort of irked me. So I told mother just where did she think we were living? In some Oriental country where the parents made all the wedding arrangements? Where love didn't count at all?

So one word led to another. And then we had a couple of arguments over it. Dad got me alone and suggested that I meet the young man and be civil. Meeting him didn't mean I was going to marry him. Well, I got angrier. So I left home, if that's the way you want to put it. But I won't starve."

She opened her pocketbook and showed him a checkbook and a roll of large denomination bills.

"My Aunt Martha left me a lot of money and I get the income each year. So I won't go back home."

"Yes you will," he asserted. "Because I don't think you really are the foolish kind of a girl that others might be. There is some sense in that pretty head of yours. After all, just bear

one thing in mind: Parents want to do their best for their children. So you meet the young man. That would make mother happy. Did it ever dawn on you that the young man concerned might be in love with somebody else? Everything will work out fine, believe me."

She didn't say anything for a few minutes and then she started to laugh. He looked at her and felt his heart skip a beat or two.

"I guess I was silly," she admitted. "I'll take the next train home."

They talked about a lot of things and then she left him and purchased her ticket. He watched her board the train and waved farewell to her. It was only when the train pulled out that he remembered something:

"He didn't even know her name!"

In fact on his report sheet he would have to use the old familiar designation, "Miss X." He had a sudden impulse to go to the ticket seller and find out her destination. For there was that certain something about her. He just could not put his finger on it. But she was the kind of a girl he wanted to meet again. So sadly he went back to his desk and made out form 63a.

All was peace and contentment in the Appert household. Dorothy Appert looked radiantly beautiful in her gown. The car had pulled up to the entrance of the house and the butler was soon going to bring in the two guests.

"She's a stickler for formalities," admitted Mrs. Helen Appert. "So this meeting will be cold and formal. She wasn't that way when we were at college together. But being one of the top ten in the Blue Blood Social Register has affected her. Here we go and I want you to know how happy I am that you listened to me. I love you, Dorothy and like any other mother, I want you to meet the right man."

Mother and daughter came down the stairs together. Facing them was mother and son. Daughter looked at son. Son looked at daughter. Then daughter rushed to son. Son rushed to daughter. Two surprised mothers watched their children hug and kiss each other. Where were the formalities of an introduction? In fact, who cared?

Jim Lauer was having his morning breakfast after his round at Grand Terminal. He had news to tell his wife, Sadie.

"Remember that young millionaire who took the job just to be helpful? Gene Pearson is his name — a young lawyer with a big social background. What do you think? He is going to marry the girl he met in the station. I guess I get all the credit for it."

"Better drink your coffee before it gets cold," suggested his wife. "I have something to tell you. We received an invitation to that wedding. They are even going to send a car for us."

— THE END —

ROMANTIC SECRETS

FUNNY ABOUT Love

PETE ALGER WAS A POPULAR TV COMEDIAN AND I WAS HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY...A GLAMOROUS JOB FOR ANY GIRL BUT THINGS TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY FOR ME...

MUCH FAN MAIL THIS WEEK, GRACE?

USUAL AMOUNT, PETE... I HAVEN'T READ THEM ALL YET...

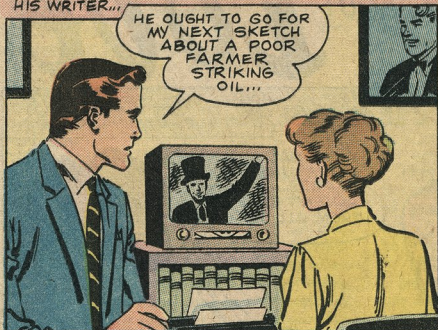
WELL, SWEETHEART, DIVIDE UP THOSE FOR ME AND THOSE AGAINST ME... AND WE'LL THROW THE FEW AGAINST ME AWAY... HA HA!

I NEVER KNEW HOW HE MEANT THAT WORD "SWEETHEART"... I DID KNOW I THOUGHT I WAS FALLING IN LOVE WITH HIM...

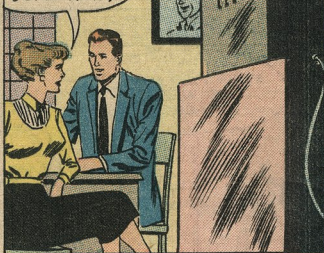
SOUND STAGE
PETE ALGER
SHOW

ROMANTIC SECRETS

YES, PETE ALGER WAS A POPULAR COMEDIAN WITH HIS UPS AND DOWNS... HE OWED MUCH TO BILL HUGHES, HIS WRITER...



YOU CERTAINLY WORK HARD FOR HIM, BILL... HE OUGHT TO GIVE YOU A RAISE. IS THAT YOUR SKETCH HE'S DOING NOW?



IT'S ONE I DID WHEN I JOINED HIM... I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO RE-WORK IT AND IT SURE NEEDS IT! BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU HAVE LUNCH WITH ME, GRACE?



I DON'T KNOW IF...

OH-OH... THE SHOW IS OVER!



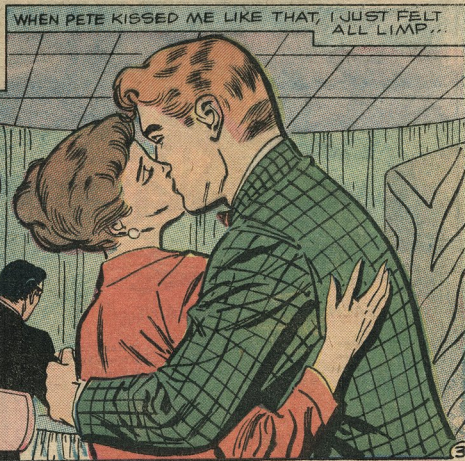
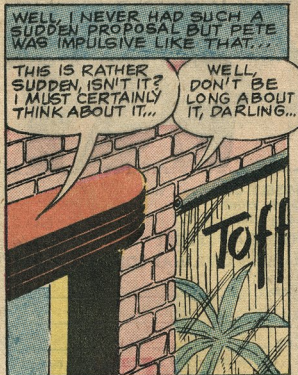
THAT SCRIPT IS ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD! BILL, WHY DID YOU LET ME DO IT?



I TRIED TO TELL YOU IT WAS AN OLD SCRIPT THAT NEEDED RE-WRITING!



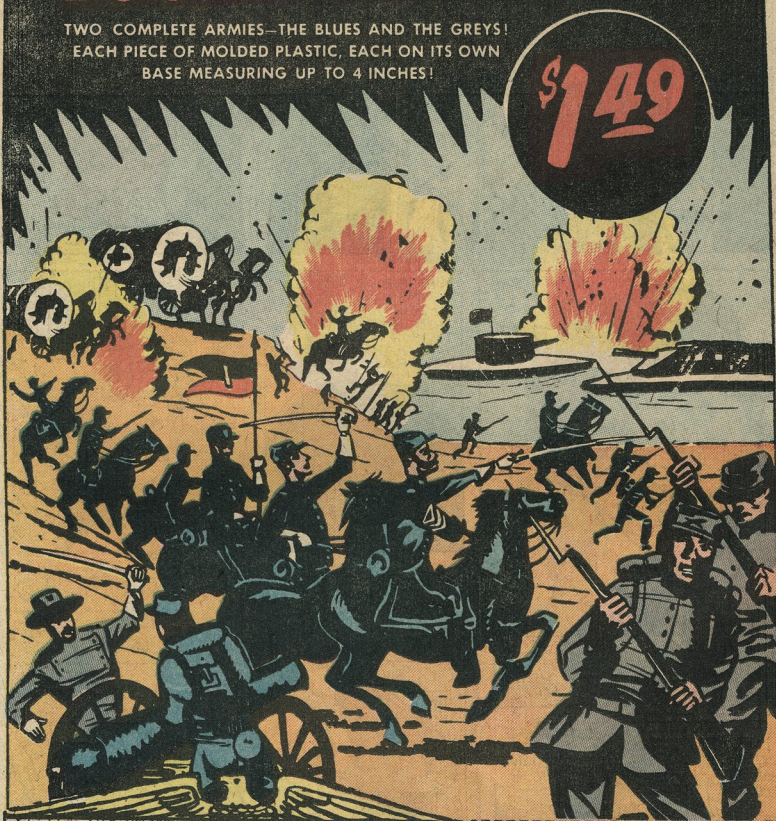
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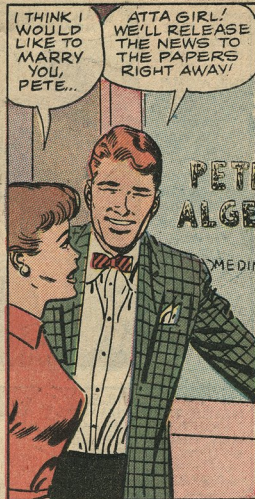
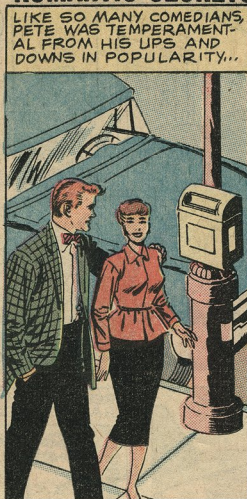
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BUT THE MORE I THOUGHT OF IT, THE MORE I BECAME CONVINCED THAT PETE WAS MARRYING ME TO GAIN SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION FROM HIS FICKLE PUBLIC!

SMILE, MISS THOMPSON!



TELL US ALL ABOUT IT, MISS THOMPSON!



I...I CAN'T SMILE! I NEVER TOLD HIM "YES"! I WON'T BE RUSHED INTO ANY CHEAP PUBLICITY STUNT! I REGARD MARRIAGE AS SACRED!



I RESIGNED IMMEDIATELY AND I WAS GLAD I HAD DONE SO...AND THEN SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

GRACE!



IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIND IN BILL A BETTER, SINCERE MAN...

I'M GLAD I LEFT PETE, TOO...THO I'M NOT MAKING AS MUCH MONEY I'M MUCH HAPPIER IN A NEW WRITING JOB...



WHEN BILL AND I WERE MARRIED, IT SEEMED SO LONG AGO AND SUCH A TRIVIAL THING TO HAVE EVER KNOWN PETE ALGER!



END

ROMANTIC SECRETS

NO ESCAPING HIM

I HAD SUCH A ROUGH DAY, SHOPPING TROUBLES, THE HOT WEATHER, AND MY BOSS WHO I DO SECRETARIAL WORK FOR, QUIT FOR ANOTHER JOB!

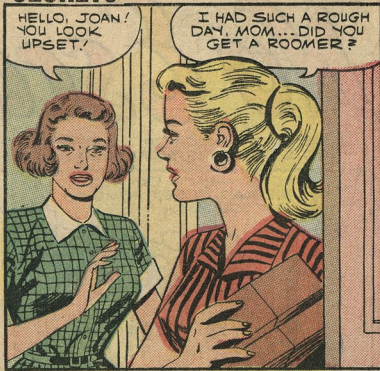
GEE, WHAT A DAY! I'LL BE GLAD TO GET HOME TO A COOL BATH!

OOPS! PARDON ME!

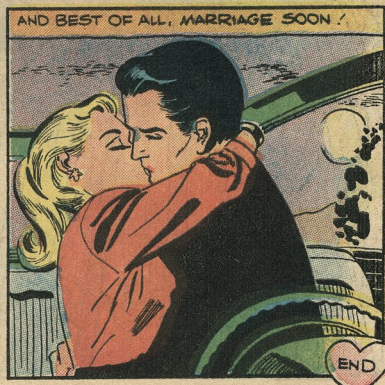
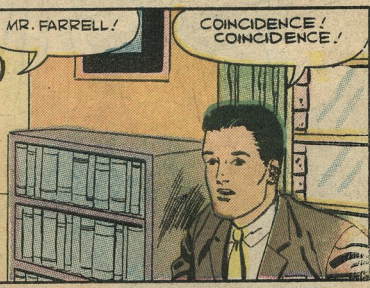
MY MAKE-UP SET! IT MIGHT BE BROKEN, CLUMSY!

I'M SORRY... I'LL PICK IT UP!

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END

The LOVE I LOST!

HOWIE, YOU SHOULDN'T COME IN HERE!
IT'S BAD LUCK FOR A MAN TO SEE HIS
COMING BRIDE IN HER WEDDING GOWN!

I HAD TO
SEE YOU,
MARSHA!

I HAD BEEN SO HAPPY IN
MY LOVE FOR HOWIE AND
OUR COMING MARRIAGE! I
COULDN'T SEE THE DARK-
NESS GROWING ON MY
HORIZON UNTIL IT WAS
THERE AND HAD ENTERED
MY HEART! HOW CAN A
WOMAN FORGET THE MAN
SHE LOVES? LISTEN TO MY
STORY AND TAKE HEART ALL
WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVE!

MARSHA, I
CAN'T GO
THRU WITH
IT! I CAN'T
MARRY YOU!

HOWIE, I...
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
PLEASE
DON'T JOKE
ABOUT SUCH
A THING!

I'M NOT JOKING! WHILE
YOU WERE AWAY THIS
SUMMER I MET ANOTHER
GIRL! WE FELL IN LOVE!
I COULDN'T BRING MY-
SELF TO TELL YOU UNTIL
I REALIZED I
WAS ALMOST
AT THE ALTAR
AND WITH THE
WRONG GIRL!

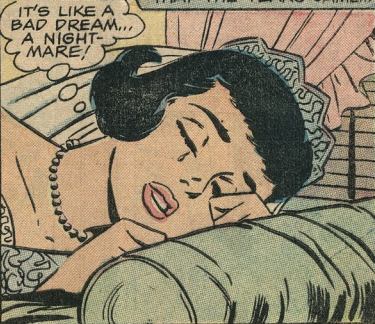


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HIS VOICE WENT ON BUT I DIDN'T HEAR THE REST... I WAS DAZED! THIS COULDN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME!



THEN HE WAS GONE AND I WAS ALONE WITH MY BROKEN HEART! IT WAS THEN THAT THE TEARS CAME...



IT'S SAID THAT TIME HEALS EVERYTHING, EVEN A BROKEN HEART! TIME ONLY PULLED THE PAIN FOR ME, BUT DIDN'T MEND!

I CAN'T THINK CLEARLY ANYMORE! EVERYTHING, MY HEART, MY FUTURE, MY LIFE WAS WOVEN AROUND OUR LOVE AND OUR MARRIAGE TO COME!



I WAS LISTLESS AND BEYOND CARING! LIFE SEEMED A BURDEN... SOMEWHERE, INSIDE OF ME, A LIGHT HAD DIED!

MARSHA! DARLING, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES? HAVE YOU BEEN ILL?

HELLO, HELEN!



COME WITH ME! WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AND TALK!



I DIDN'T WANT TO TALK WITH HELEN THO SHE HAD BEEN A VERY CLOSE FRIEND IN OUR SCHOOL DAYS! YET I HADN'T THE WILL ANYMORE TO RESIST!

YOU REMEMBER MY OLDER BROTHER VINT? IT'S MARSHA, VINT! HE USED TO HAVE A CRUSH ON YOU WHEN WE WERE YOUNGSTERS!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MARGHA!



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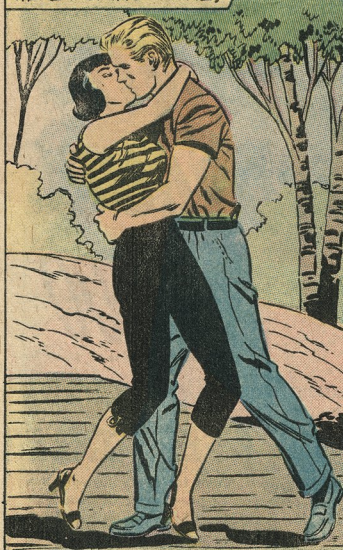
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ROMANTIC SECRETS

I STUMBLED! HIS ARMS WENT AROUND ME AND THE NEXT MOMENT HIS LIPS WERE AGAINST MINE!



VINT
WHY
DID
YOU
DO
THAT?



BECAUSE I
LOVE YOU,
MARSHA! I
HAVE SINCE
WE WERE KIDS!
I WANT YOU TO
MARRY ME!
BUT BEFORE
YOU ANSWER,
LISTEN TO
WHAT I HAVE
TO SAY...



I KNOW YOU DON'T LOVE ME AS
I LOVE YOU, BUT I CAN GIVE YOU
EVERYTHING! WE CAN HAVE A
WONDERFUL LIFE TOGETHER
AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT SOME
DAY YOU'LL RETURN ALL MY
LOVE! IF NOT I HAVE ENOUGH
LOVE FOR BOTH OF US! THINK
IT OVER AND GIVE ME
YOUR ANSWER WHEN
YOU'RE READY!

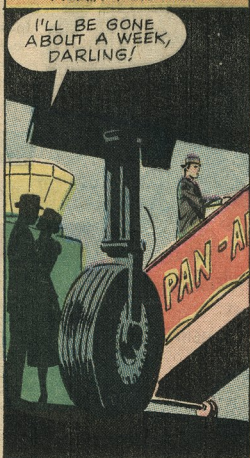
FOR DAYS I THOUGHT IT
OVER...

I LIKE VINT...
MORE THAN ANY MAN I
EVER KNEW! HE'S A GRAND
PERSON! YES, I THINK I
COULD BE HAPPY WITH HIM
AND IT WOULD GIVE PURPOSE
TO MY LIFE AGAIN! I CAN'T
GO ON LIKE THIS
INDEFINITELY!



SO I MARRIED VINT AND
SLOWLY, KNOWING I WAS
LOVED AND CHERISHED,
LIFE TOOK ON MEANING
AGAIN FOR ME!

I'LL BE GONE
ABOUT A WEEK,
DARLING!



AND YET I WORRIED ALWAYS
THAT IT WAS UNFAIR TO
SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN
AS VINT!

I'M NOT GIVING
HIM ENOUGH! HE DESERVES
ALL OF A WOMAN'S LOVE,
AND I DON'T HAVE IT TO
GIVE HIM! I CAN NEVER
STOP THINKING OF HOWIE
AND OUR DREAMS!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

THE LOVE I'D LOST WAS STILL THE BIGGEST THING IN MY HEART AND, BECAUSE VINT WAS SUCH A KIND AND WONDERFUL MAN IT TORTURED ME!

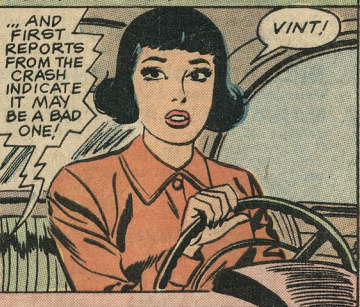
HELLO! YES, THIS IS SHE! ACCIDENT? WHAT? THE... PLANE? R-RIGHT AWAY!



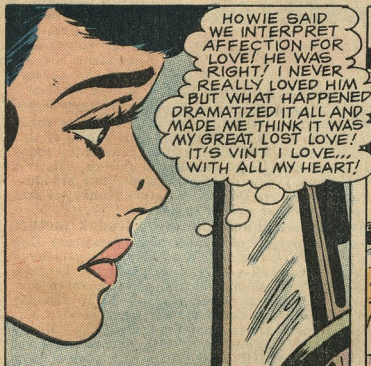
THE PLANE VINT HAD TAKEN HAD CRASHED. I RUSHED TO THE CAR AND DROVE MADLY TOWARD THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN...

...AND FIRST REPORTS FROM THE CRASH INDICATE IT MAY BE A BAD ONE!

VINT!

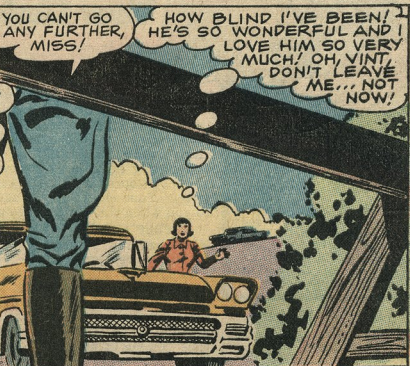


HOWIE SAID WE INTERPRET AFFECTION FOR LOVE, HE WAS RIGHT! I NEVER REALLY LOVED HIM BUT WHAT HAPPENED DRAMATIZED IT ALL AND MADE ME THINK IT WAS MY GREAT, LOST LOVE! IT'S VINT I LOVE... WITH ALL MY HEART!



YOU CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER, MISS!

HOW BLIND I'VE BEEN! HE'S SO WONDERFUL AND I LOVE HIM SO VERY MUCH! OH, VINT, DON'T LEAVE ME... NOT NOW!



MARSHA, DARLING, IT'S ALL RIGHT! SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THE SHIP AND WE HAD TO MAKE A CRASH LANDING!

VINT, DARLING! THANK HEAVENS!



DARLING, ANYTHING WOULD'VE BEEN WORTH GOING THRU TO SEE THAT LOVE IN YOUR EYES! I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME AND HOPED...

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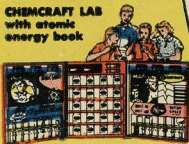


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